

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] In the embodiment shown in FIG. 1, lower body gear 12 includes a shell 16 that surrounds at least a portion of the body of patient 10, such as an upper thigh. Shell 16 may be constructed of a flexible material that may conform to the shape of the body of patient 10. Shell 16 may further be constructed of an outer material, such as canvas, and an inner material, such as a vinyl liner. Fasteners (not shown), such as a zipper, a hook and loop fastener such as VELCRO~~Velcro~~, an adhesive, a button, a clip, a strap, a buckle or the like, hold lower body gear 12 and adjust to fit lower body gear 12 on bodies of varying shapes and sizes. When in place, lower body gear 12 defines a space 18 between shell 16 and the body of patient 10. Lower body gear 12 may include a spacer (not shown) that separates at least a portion of lower body gear 12 from the body of patient 10 to maintain space 18.